

JOHN HEPBURN of DETROIT
1868 – 1929

John Hepburn was born in Castlefinn, Donegal in October 1868 the sixth son of **Samuel Hepburn**, mason of Castlefin and **Eleanor Elliott**.



In 1901, thirty two year-old John, or “**Uncle John**” was living in **Chorlton, South Manchester, Lancashire County, England** as a brick setter near to the home of brothers **Andrew and James Marshall Hepburn**, also bricksetters.

He immigrated to Canada on the **SS LAKE CHAMPLAIN** leaving from Liverpool, England and arriving at Quebec in 1907. He then crossed the border by way of Port Huron, Michigan to live in Detroit. *He listed his father, Samuel Hepburn of Castlefin as his next of kin and that he was 5 foot 10 inches with brown hair and blue eyes.*

He is found in the 1910 US Federal Census as ‘**Jack**’ **Hepburn**, bricklayer boarder in a private residence on **Parnell Ave., Chicago** with two other bricklayers.

Sometime in 1910 John Hepburn travelled back to Castlefin to help rebuild the family home and returned to North America in February 1911 on the **SS CORSICAN**, the same ship as his brother **James Marshall Hepburn** sailing from Liverpool to Halifax, Canada. He is then seen crossing the border from Canada to the United States returning to his home “3606 Parnell Ave., Chicago”. John names his brother, **Andrew Hepburn of 203 Old Lodge St., Belfast** as his next of kin.

John submitted his Declaration of Intention for Citizenship on February 5th 1917 where he states that he was a 48 year-old bricklayer residing at **564 Dayton St., Akron Ohio** and was born 16 Oct 1868 in Castlefin, Donegal, Ireland. He also states he is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 194 pounds and that his last alien residence was Manchester, England.

In 1920 John is found living at the home of his brother, James M. Hepburn at **North Maple St., Akron, Ohio**. Both are bricklayers.

On June 25th 1929, John Hepburn died from injuries sustained when he was hit by a tram in **Detroit, Michigan**. He was 60 years old. He had no known children.

Issue:
none

Sources:

1. Irish General Records Office birth registration
2. England & Wales census 1901
3. USA Federal census 1910, 1920
4. Passenger list SS LAKE CHAMPLAIN Jun 1907
5. Passenger list SS CORSICAN Feb 1911
6. Canadian Border crossing Port Huron, Michigan Passenger manifest 1907
7. Canadian Border crossing Passenger manifest 1911
8. US Department Of Labor, Naturalization Service: Declaration Of Intention: Common Pleas Court, Summit County, Ohio 1917
9. 1953 Family Letter “Dear Father” by Samuel Hepburn, Commissioner
10. Hepburn Photo Archives
11. Communications:
 - a. Andrew Hepburn, Burton on Trent, England (dec)
 - b. James Hughes Hepburn, Rockland, Massachusetts USA